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My Christmas Miracle

How an umbrella turned a bleak holiday into the best ever!

"We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest . . ." That's the lesson Taylor Caldwell learned one bleak Christmas Day many years ago, when she was out of a job and out of hope, without even enough money to buy her little girl a present. In this special *Weekly World News* installment from the inspirational book, *The Guideposts Treasury of Hope*, the famed author of *Captains & the Kings* recalls the miracle that transformed a dreary Christmas into the most memorable one of her life.

TAYLOR CALDWELL, author of *Captains & the Kings*, and other best sellers.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL / *Special to Weekly World News*

For many of us, one Christmas stands out from all the others — the one when the meaning of the day shone clearest.

My own "truest" Christmas began on a rainy spring day in the 1920s in the bleakest year of my life. Recently divorced, I was in my 20s, had no job, and was on my way downtown to go the rounds of the employment offices.

I sat down in the streetcar and there against the seat was a beautiful silk umbrella with a silver handle inlaid with gold and flecks of bright enamel. I had never seen anything so lovely. I examined the handle and saw a name engraved among the golden scrolls.

I decided to take it with me and find the owner myself.

I searched a telephone book for the name on the umbrella and found it. I called and a lady answered.

Yes, she said in surprise, that was her umbrella, which her parents, now dead, had given her for a birthday present. But she added, it had been stolen more than a year ago from her locker at the school where she taught.

She was so excited that I forgot I was looking for a job and went directly to her small house. She took the umbrella and her eyes filled with tears.

She wanted to give me a reward, but — though $20 was all I had in the world — her happiness at retrieving this special possession was such that to have accepted money would have spoiled something. We talked for a while, and I must have given her my address. I don't remember.

The next six months were wretched. I was able to obtain only temporary employment here and there. But I put aside 25 or 50 cents when I could afford it for Christmas presents for my little girl Peggy. My last job ended the day before Christmas, my $30 rent was soon due, and I had $15 to my name.

CHRISTMAS scene from the 1920s.

On Christmas Eve, bells rang, children shouted, windows were lighted and everyone was laughing. But there would be no Christmas for me, I knew.

As I struggled through the snowdrifts, I just about reached the lowest point in my life. Unless a miracle happened, I'd be weeks, and there had been no answer but this coldness and darkness. God and men had completely forgotten me. I felt old as death and as lonely. What was to become of us?

I looked in my mailbox. There were only bills in it and two white envelopes which I was and I cried, shivering in my thin coat. But I made myself smile so I could greet my little daughter with a pretense of happiness. She opened the door for me and threw herself in my arms screaming joyously and demanding that we decorate the tree immediately.

I felt brokenhearted. We would have only hamburgers life I doubted the existence of God and His mercy — and the coldness in my heart was colder than ice.

The doorbell rang and Peggy ran fleetly to answer it, calling that it must be Santa Claus. He was a delivery man, and his arms were full of big parcels.

Peggy and I sat on the floor and opened them. A huge doll. Gloves. Candy. A beautiful leather purse. Incredible! I looked for the name of the sender.

It was the teacher, the address simply "California," where she had moved.

Our dinner that night was the most delicious I had ever eaten. I could only pray in myself, "Thank You, Father." I forgot I had no money for the rent, only $15 and no job. We ate and laughed together.

Then we decorated the little tree. I put Peggy to bed and set up her gifts around the tree, and a sweet peace flooded me like a benediction.

Then I opened the two white had worked for briefly in the summer.

It was, said a note, my "Christmas bonus." My rent!

The other envelope was an offer of a permanent position with the government — to begin two days after Christmas.

I sat with the letter in my hand and the check on the table, and I think that was the most joyful moment of my life up to that time.

The church bells began to ring. I looked at my child, who was sleeping blissfully, and ran down to the street. People smiled at me and I smiled back. Someone began to sing, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. I joined in and sang with them.

"I'm not alone," I thought. "I was never alone at all."

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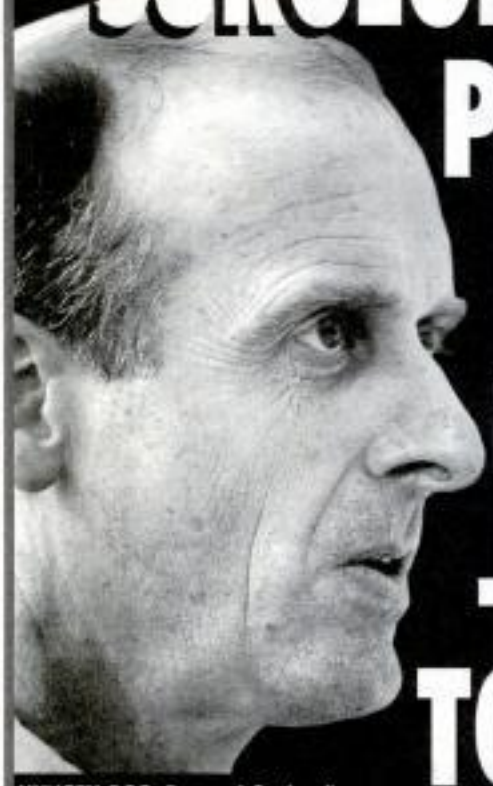
Is there a doctor in the house?

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

SURGEON LEAVES PATIENT'S BRAIN EXPOSED — & GOES TO LUNCH!



HUNGRY DOC: Raymond Sattler disappeared from the operating room to feed his face during delicate brain surgery.

WILMINGTON, N.C. — A doctor's license has been suspended after an investigation revealed he left a patient's brain exposed for 25 minutes — while he went to lunch.

And that's not the half of it, according to the North Carolina State Medical Board, who says neurosurgeon Dr. Raymond Sattler also:

- Forgot the names of surgical equipment during an operation.
- Told a nurse to drill holes in a patient's head and work on the outer brain even though she wasn't trained to do so.
- Ordered intravenous fluids to be given to himself during a procedure because he thought he was going to pass out.

25-minute break gets sawbones in hot water!

The surgery being performed on the patient was intended to treat an aneurysm in which a blood vessel's walls had weakened and ballooned inside the brain, threatening to burst.

After more than three hours of surgery, Dr. Sattler clipped the aneurysm, which means he shut off blood flow to that area. Hospital records show that 28 minutes later, he left the operating room for 25 minutes.

A surgeon leaving while a patient's head is open with a clipped aneurysm is considered unusual, says surgeons and surgical nurses.

Dr. Sattler would not comment on the specific accusations but said he would appeal the suspension at a January hearing before the board.

"I will lay it all out for you in a way everyone can understand," Dr. Sattler told the *Wilmington Star-News*.

Dr. Victor Keranen, a former partner of Dr. Sattler's in Fayetteville, said he never knew about Dr. Sattler leaving an operation or heard about him doing so.

"He was a good and capable surgeon here," Dr. Keranen added.

After an aneurysm is clipped during a long surgical procedure, it would be reasonable to take a break, Dr. Keranen explained.

But if a surgeon left under those conditions, he would be just outside the operating room where anyone could find him, he added.

"To disappear without explanation would be hard to understand," Dr. Keranen remarked.

A nurse who asked not to be identified said: "Who do you call when the surgeon has disappeared from the room and you don't know where he is?" she asked. "Not just anyone can close a head."

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IT'S A DISGRACE ☐
Dr. Raymond Sattler was irresponsible for leaving a patient to feed his face. He should be stripped of his license and banned from every hospital in America. He wouldn't have taken a 25-minute lunch break if the patient was about to pay his bill. You can bet the farm on that.

IT'S PERFECTLY FINE ☐
Surgeons have a right to lunch just like anyone else. Dr. Sattler is only human. Besides, no harm was done. The patient survived, so what's all the stink about?

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Family moo-ves out after cow crashes through roof!

YAOUNDE, Cameroon — Convinced they were victims of black magic, a badly frightened family "mooved" out of their house — when a live cow crashed through the roof.

"It was midnight. I was in the living room watching a film — *Dances With Wolves* — when I heard a terrible noise. I thought the house was going to collapse," said Marguerite Nomo, 23.

The cow was able to climb onto the roof because the house is built on land cut into a slope.

The terrified family moved out immediately, convinced someone had cast an evil spell on them.

NEW SURVEY REVEALS . . .

WOMEN CHOOSE BARGAIN HUNTING OVER SEX!

A startling new survey reveals that most women would rather go bargain hunting than have sex!

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Cops say he's a 'Natural Born Killer'

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

TEEN GUNS DOWN HIS MOTHER & SISTER — TO BE JUST LIKE MOVIE BAD GUY!

An accused murderer copied Woody Harrelson in the movie, *Natural Born Killers,* when he gunned down two members of his own family, cops say.

Nathan Martinez, 17, was so obsessed with the movie he shaved his head and wore tinted granny glasses just like the homicidal killer played by Harrelson, police said.

Friends said Martinez often talked about killing his family, so he was the top suspect when his stepmother, Lauren Martinez, 42, and his half sister, Alexis, 10, were slain as they slept.

After the brutal killings in Bluffdale, Utah, Martinez vowed to shoot it out rather than surrender if confronted by police. But he didn't even reach for his gun when police captured him in a motel in O'Neill, Neb.

"He said he wouldn't go down without a fight and all that macho stuff," said Sheriff's Detective Darren Carr.

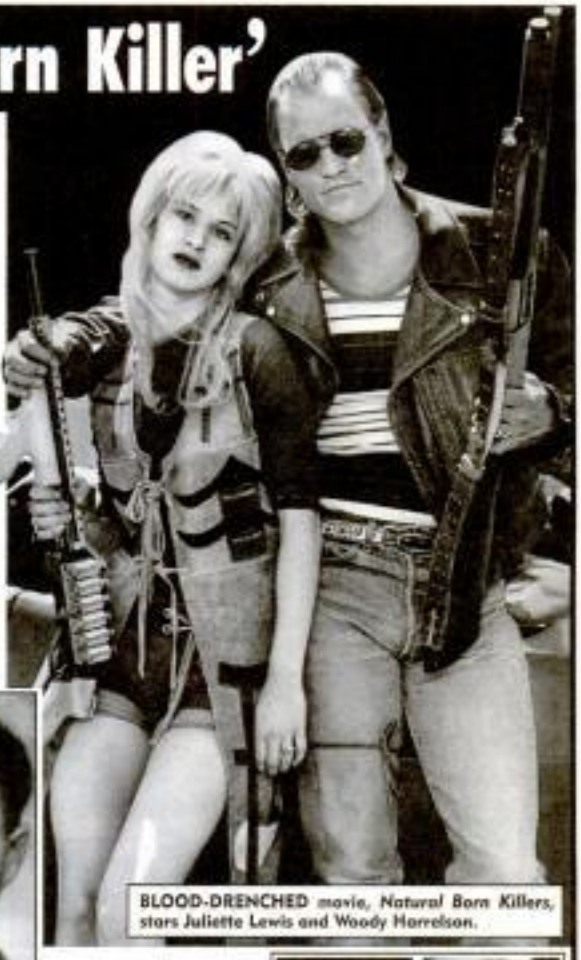
"But he changed his mind when he saw all those guys in his room."

Fearful friend Bryan Hamblen, who rode with Martinez from Utah to Pocatello, Idaho, after the slayings, said they used money from the dead stepmother's bank account to buy the *Natural Born Killers* soundtrack.

"At one point I asked him, 'Nathan, you wouldn't kill me, would you?'" Hamblen said. "He put his hand on my knee, squeezed it and replied, 'I don't know. I don't know.'"

Martinez waived extradition, which means he will not fight his return to Utah to face trial.

ACCUSED copycat murderer Nathan Martinez.



BLOOD-DRENCHED movie, *Natural Born Killers,* stars Juliette Lewis and Woody Harrelson.

VICTIMS: Stepmom Lauren Martinez and Nathan's half sister Alexis.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: Family and friends attend the funeral procession of shooting victims Lauren and Alexis.

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BURP! 340-lb. man eats his living room furniture!

LOP BURI, Thailand — A 340-pound man ate his entire living room, leaving only the bare walls — and survived!

Ontrakran Kaewkrajai suffers from a condition called pica that causes victims to crave non-food items. Ontrakran ate furniture, vases, rugs, paintings, even his TV and CD player.

The bizarre case came to light when relatives, concerned about not hearing from Ontrakran, came to his home to check on him and found him lying

Delectable Helen Labdon was a secretary in an insurance office till the day a swimsuit designer spotted her frolicking around a public pool and whisked her away to the glamorous world of high-fashion modeling. When she isn't toiling in front of the lights, the leggy Essex, England, lady loves to putter in her backyard petunia patch.

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Suicide's in the family!

A whopping 50 percent of kids who attempt suicide have moms who've tried to kill themselves, too, a new study shows.

Cornell University researcher Cynthia Pfeffer also found that one-fourth of kids who had suicidal thoughts but had not attempted suicide had mothers who had attempted suicide.

Among mentally healthy

PSST! Gossiping is good for your marriage!

By ANTHONY DENTON
Correspondent

Looking for an easy, enjoyable way to improve your marriage? Just start gossiping!

That's the latest advice of a university expert who says that sharing gossip with your mate about what others are doing and saying can actually strengthen your own relationship. Here's how gossip helps, according to Dr. Marc Lipton, a nationally known expert on human behavior.

● Gossip makes it easier for you to handle your own family matters — because you learn from other people's mistakes.

When you discuss how another couple coped with a job loss, a rebellious teenager or other serious problem, it gives you insight into what they did right or wrong — and that makes it easier for you to handle a similar problem.

● Gossip can be a tactful way to voice your opinions on touchy subjects.

If your husband is tired of hearing about his poor health habits such as smoking and overeating, for example, you can still get across your message by passing along gossip about a friend who neglected his health and suffered a heart attack as a result.

● Gossip can serve as an antidote to the "grass is greener" syndrome.

Envious of other couples? Well, once you hear the gossip about the "nasty" things going on in their homes, you and your mate are apt to be more grateful for the life you have together.

● Gossip keeps communication channels open.

Little tidbits of gossip are titillating, they're juicy and they keep the conversational ball rolling.

Rap music junkies are as hooked as drug addicts!

CHICAGO — Rap music nuts who don't get a regular "fix" of their favorite songs develop trembling hands, nausea and an unstable pulse — just like dope addicts deprived of drugs!

University researchers here found that 81 percent of hardcore rap music junkies exhibited severe withdrawal symptoms when deprived of the music for less than a week.

"This form of psychological addiction can be just as powerful as the physical addiction associated with drugs," one researcher said.

Work with a jerk? Here's what you can do!

FOLLOWING A FEW simple tips can help you deal with some of the creeps you are likely to meet in your workplace.

By **JOE BERGER** / *Staff writer*

As anyone who toils for a living can tell you, there's a creep around every corner. But you can cope with the jerks where you work by following some simple tips from the experts.

In their book *Dealing With People You Can't Stand* (McGraw-Hill), Drs. Rick Brinkman and Rick Kirschner introduce you to some of the lunkheads and louses you're likely to meet in the workplace and tell you how to deal with them. Here are a few of the nastiest, along with their tips for keeping the bozos at bay:

● **The Tank:** This guy (or gal) loves to yell, scream and chew people out. He's angry and confrontational, the ultimate in pushy behavior.

Solution: Command respect and keep your cool. Interrupt the attack, repeat what the Tank has just said to show you've been listening, then state your point in a non-threatening way. Be firm but never slam the door in the Tank's face — because he may take that as a challenge and attack again.

● **The Sniper:** This sneak identifies your weaknesses and uses them against you behind your back or in put-downs in front of others.

Solution: Your goal is to bring the Sniper out of hiding and expose him. When someone snipes at you, stop what you are saying, repeat what the Sniper has said and ask if that is relevant. Suggest that if there's a problem in the future, the Sniper should discuss it with you one on one.

● **The Grenade:** This hothead explodes with unfocused ranting and raving about things that have nothing to do with what's going on around him.

Solution: Don't blow up or run away. Instead, take control in a friendly way and reduce the Grenade's anger by showing that you're interested in his feelings. Try to learn what sets the Grenade off and avoid saying or doing anything that will cause a future explosion.

● **The Know-It-All:** Never in doubt, this lout can't stand to be corrected or contradicted. And when something goes wrong, you are always the one to blame.

Solution: Open the Know-It-All's mind to new ideas. Show him you recognize the "brilliance" of his suggestions and when he's let his defenses down, gently push your thoughts onto him. Ask the Know-It-All to be your mentor in his area of expertise, so he spends more time instructing you than obstructing you.

● **The Whiner:** This pest feels totally overwhelmed by an unfair world. Nothing ever measures up to the Whiner's standards — and since misery loves company, he brings his problems to you. Offering solutions makes you bad company, so his complaining escalates.

Solution: Never agree with the Whiner because it only encourages him to keep complaining. Listen to him with an open mind. Perhaps your attitude will change. If that doesn't work, tactfully show him the door.

Comic Jerry Seinfeld notes one of the sweet mysteries of life: "It never ceases to amaze me that no matter what goes on in the world, it exactly fits in the newspaper every day!"

Russian boozers crowding Alcoholics Anonymous meetings!

Boozing is such a horrific problem in Russia that 70 Alcoholics Anonymous groups have standing-room-only crowds of drunks at their regular meetings.

The first AA group was organized in 1987, but the paranoid Russkies thought it was an American C.I.A. front and avoided it like the plague.

The paranoia has faded and AA groups have replaced traditional Russian treatment for alcoholics — police drunk tanks and dubious medical "cures."

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MYSTERY STAR APPEARS OVER

WORLD EXCLUSIVE photograph of brilliant star taken in the Holy Land.

JERUSALEM — Astronomers are trying to explain a bright new star that has appeared in the skies over Bethlehem — a star some experts say heralds the Second Coming of Christ!

Scientists have been tracing the mysterious heavenly body, dubbed Beth-2, since mid-November when it was first sighted over Zuwayza, Jordan, the city just 50 miles east.

Originally, experts thought it might be a comet or meteor. But further investigation has shown it's definitely a star — amazingly close to Earth.

Thousands have seen the unusually bright star making its way toward Bethlehem where it now remains over the town.

The star may or may not be related to the recent rash of angel sightings flooding local police stations. More than 300 people report that angels have appeared to them, urging them to journey to the Israeli city to see "a newborn king."

Dr. Gerald Whitingham

The angel reports remain unconfirmed, but the star is a verified reality that is puzzling experts.

"We're not sure what to make of it," admits noted American astronomer Dr. Gerald Whitingham, who was called over from his home in Boston by Middle Eastern scientists to investigate.

"This star is not on any astronomical chart. There was no record of it until November 17 when it materialized over Zuwayza.

"It's not a part of any constellation ever observed.

"The oddest thing about it is its incredible brightness and the fact that it's standing still — directly over the small city where Christ was born nearly 2,000 years ago.

"Beth-2 is more than four times brighter than any star in the heavens. And its intensity is focused in a very concentrated area.

"If it doesn't begin to move again, it will still be directly over Bethlehem on December 25 — Christmas Day."

Dr. Whitingham says coverage of the star has been sparse in American newspapers. "They consider it just another boring science item," he said.

But the locals take it very seriously.

On November 22, one Jordanian soldier was on night watch at the eastern bank of the Dead Sea when he saw what he describes as "a vision in white" rise from the water and move toward him.

"It was just a shimmering light at first," said the soldier.

"But as it got closer, I saw it taking a human-like form.

"When it was just a few feet away, I saw it was an angel. The angel said, 'Go to Bethlehem, the savior of the world is about to be born.'"

The soldier has since converted from Islam to Christianity and currently awaits the rebirth of Christ.

Leading Bible expert Rev. Louis Marliot says, "The book of Luke tells of an angel who appeared to some shepherds and urged them to travel to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus.

"The book of Matthew tells

A comet, a meteor — or a

By RANDY JEFFRIES
Special correspondent

STAR OF WONDER which appeared over Bethlehem during the birth of Christ.

HOLY LAND!

Angel sightings flood local police stations!

the well-known story of a bright star that appeared to the wise men and led them to the place of Jesus' birth."

Many scientists and clergymen believe the angels, the star and the birth of Christ are being repeated here in 1994.

"Clearly, after 2,000 years, history is repeating itself," said Rev. Marbot.

"And it's certainly no coincidence that it's happening just in time for Christmas."

Dr. Whitingham is more conservative but doesn't rule out the possibility that the star heralds the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

"We're watching this phenomenon very closely," said the esteemed scientist. "I'm not going to go on record and say this star heralds the Second Coming. But it's definitely not like any natural heavenly body I've ever investigated."

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- The catastrophic San Francisco earthquake that disrupted the World Series and killed 62 people in 1989.
- The spine-chilling terrorist attack at the 1972 Munich Olympics that left nine innocent Israeli athletes and one policeman dead.
- Mikhail Gorbachev's rise to power in the Soviet Union and the dramatic collapse of the Communist Party around the world.
- The terrifying explosion and fire aboard the Apollo 13 spacecraft that left three American astronauts on the brink of death in outer space. "Don't go up because it will end in disaster," the super psychic had warned NASA prior to the Apollo 13 lift-off in 1970. But after a blast in space damaged the life support system aboard the command module, leaving the astronauts' lives teetering in the balance, Hanussen phoned a frantic President Nixon and accurately predicted the crew would return safely to Earth. He still has a telegram from Nixon thanking him for his moral support.

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By SANDRA LEE
Correspondent

ASHLAND, Ky. — Ellie Cobb is a quick-handed grandmother who's the world's fastest Bingo player — she can play 72 cards at a time and never miss a number!

"Bingo has always been second nature to me," Mrs. Cobb said. "I just glance at a card one time and I instantly have every number memorized.

"And the funny thing is I'm really pretty forgetful in all the rest of my life — except when I'm playing Bingo."

The lively 78-year-old puts on quite a show when she spreads all her cards out in front of her and becomes a blaze of activity when the game starts.

"I go up and down the table and use my ink dabber to cover each number when it's called," she explained. "I just have to concentrate and keep moving.

"People tell me I look like an acrobat the way I jump around throwing my arms in every direction. But you have to be fast or you might miss the number that could win the game for you.

"And they never have to slow the game down for me because I'm a lot faster than some of the people who are struggling to play seven or eight cards."

The former seamstress says she's loved Bingo all her life and has been playing it six days a week since she retired in 1981.

"Sunday is the only day I don't play," she said. "I play at two different places on Wednesday and Friday. And on Saturdays I'll find a place where I can sit and play all day — maybe eight or 10 hours at a time."

Mrs. Cobb refuses to tell how much money she has won playing her favorite game.

"Bingo's a game where you win some and lose some but with so many cards I usually do pretty well," she said. "Some of the other players don't like it when I get on a winning streak but that's not my problem.

"I just tell them everyone is blessed with some talent — and playing Bingo's

Man watches TV with dead buddy for a year!

EAST DULWICH, LONDON — For almost an entire year, a 41-year-old man sat watching television with the corpse of his best buddy sitting upright in an armchair right next to him.

The man kept the death of Frank Misson a secret so that he could continue to collect the dead man's pension, and even told neighbors who complained about the smell that Mr. Misson "had gone to an old people's home."

The corpse was finally discovered when workmen turned up by mistake at the wrong apartment.

According to authorities, Misson died of natural causes, and was badly decomposed by the time he was found.

London police are charging the man with fraud and preventing the burial of a corpse.

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PRETTY Paula Barbieri is no stranger at the L.A. County Jail.

EVIL O.J. HAS BRAINWASHED MY DAUGHTER

...says dad of Simpson's girlfriend

O.J. Simpson's sweetheart, leggy **Paula Barbieri**, has fallen under his wicked spell and has been brainwashed by the legendary football star, says her fearful father.

"To me, she's acting like she's been brainwashed," said truck driver **Vincent Barbieri** about the torrid relationship his daughter the *Playboy* model is having with The Juice.

TRUCK DRIVER dad Vincent Barbieri.

Paula has visited Simpson often during his stay in the L.A. County Jail. O.J. is charged with murdering his ex-wife and her friend.

She reportedly spent the night before the murders with O.J.

"Whether it be love, I don't know," says her dad. "But it's similar to being under a spell."

Paula's pop thinks she's so controlled by Simpson that she's ruining not only her career but her life as well.

"Why can't my daughter go to work? Why can't she be a model? Why can't she read scripts?

"Well, it's pretty hard to sit there and concentrate on one thing when your mind is on another," Barbieri said.

"She should go on with her life and forget about what's going on with O.J.

"Go on with her career and bring it back as powerful as before."

Barbieri believes passion has blinded his 27-year-old daughter to the terrible truth — O.J. is a killer. "I've told her as far as I'm concerned, I think he's guilty."

— *A Current Affair*

'And as far as I'm concerned, he's guilty!'

OUT ON THE TOWN: O.J. and Paula.

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JOHN HANNON'S HOLLYWOOD

Wright lives with **Sean Penn** and their two kids — but the living hasn't been easy.

"A lot has been made about our relationship, about how it's been on the rocks," says Robin.

"Well, I won't deny the fact that it's been rocky, because it has.

"But when you go through enough heavy stuff like we've gone through, you eventually reach a point where you say, 'You know what, we ain't leaving each other now.' We've weathered so much together, gone through so much emotional stuff and growing-up stuff, that we've built a foundation that is stronger than anything."

— *Buzz*

ROCKY ROMANCE: Robin Wright and Sean Penn.

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Princess Diana's personal astrologer **Penny Thornton** sees an ominous future for the House of Windsor.

"The die is cast," says Thornton, whose new book, *With Love, From Diana*, is just out.

"I am absolutely positive that **Charles** will not make it to the throne."

But what about Diana?

DUTIFUL Diana.

"Diana did her duty, she pulled the monarchy out of mothballs," says Thornton.

"But I do believe it's a mistake for her to get back in public life.

"In my book I suggest to her she seek help with a therapist. But the next step beyond that is that she has to do it. She has to walk the walk."

— *New York Daily News*

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Brit funnyman **John Cleese** chooses his film roles very carefully — he doesn't want to make the same mistake comedy legend **Peter Sellers** made.

"I worked with Peter Sellers on several movies," says Cleese, who's finally gotten around to making a follow-up flick to the 1987 hit, *A Fish Called Wanda*.

SILLY COMIC: John Cleese.

"I saw again and again how people somehow persuaded him to take on projects that were simply not good enough.

"That's why he made so many bad films.

"The moment you think that you can save bad material because you're such a good actor, that's the moment your career is dying fast."

— *Los Angeles Times*

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Grandfather **Mick Jagger** is up to his old tricks: Making money and music and chasing young girls.

"Mick is the darling of the British upper class, a London School of Economics alumnus," says **Christopher Andersen**, author of *Jagger Unauthorized*.

"He's very savvy moneywise, but he's still interested in young girls and getting into trouble. He's kind of insatiable. I get stories all the time about him out on the road with young girls, the younger the better."

— *Chicago Tribune*

DIRTY OLD MAN: Mick Jagger.

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Grumpy Old Men director **Don Petrie** goes from geezers to teenagers in his next film, *Richie Rich*, with **Macaulay Culkin**.

"The only time one really likes to get old is before the age of 10," says Petrie about the aging process. "We want to get old so bad we count in fractions. I'm 4 . . . and a half! And going on 5. You're never 48 and a half! When you near your teens, you jump whole numbers — I'm gonna be 16. Then you become 20. But you turn 30. Whoa! No fun anymore. Like bad milk, you turned 30. Soon you're pushing 40. You reach 50. But when you break 100 you become a kid again . . . I'm 104 . . . and a half!"

— *Hollywood Reporter*

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Old Beatle **George Harrison** is a Rev-head — that's someone who loves to be around racing cars. George is such a Grand Prix groupie he invites visitors to his mansion on the River Thames to view films of all the major races.

"He becomes a real motor racing bore," says biographer **Geoffrey Giuliano**. "He shows the films not once, not twice, but over and over again, jumping up and down with excitement at the best bits. You can imagine how hard it must be for the guests who don't share his

IN THE PINK!

Mouth-watering **Melinda Dillard** looks so luscious in her pink metalic dress that her bod's adorned more calendars and postcards than anybody we know.

You'll also see those gorgeous green eyes staring back at you from a series of beer and soft drink commercials — 'cause when Melinda says bottoms up, who's going to argue with her?

SHOWBIZ QUIZ

HOLLYWOOD NEW YEAR!

Here **are 10 tales from Tinseltown with New Year's party scenes. Match the movie with the star and have a happy 1995.**

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1. *When Harry Met Sally*	A. Michael Keaton
2. *About Last Night*	B. Henry Jaglom
3. *Trading Places*	C. Dudley Moore
4. *The Apartment*	D. Frank Sinatra
5. *Die Hard*	E. Tom Hanks
6. *Sleepless in Seattle*	F. Bruce Willis
7. *Ocean's Eleven*	G. Jack Lemmon
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Scientific team brings back startling new photographic proof . . .

EDITOR'S NOTE: This stunning photograph and report first appeared in *Weekly World News* in December 1993. Since that time, Santa co-discoverers Dr. Richard Falk and Marcus Smythe have written a book about their experiences entitled *The Spirit of Christmas Revisited*. Additionally, Smythe has founded The Rudolph Foundation, an international children's charity based in Geneva, Switzerland. Here we present the amazing story as published last Christmas.

AMAZING PHOTOGRAPH, taken by biologist Marcus Smythe, of Mr. and Mrs. Claus relaxing at home.

SANTA CLAUS FOUND IN ARCTIC CIRCLE!

By WILLIAM CARMEL
Correspondent

British and American scientists watched in shock and disbelief as the real-life Santa Claus they found at the North Pole glowed bright white — and vanished into thin air!

And far from perpetrating a Christmas hoax, the experts produced a photograph of Santa and Mrs. Claus that hasn't been altered or retouched in any way.

"I saw them with my own two eyes and I still don't believe it," Dr. Richard Falk, whose scholarly books and zoological studies of Arctic life-forms are considered standards in the field, told reporters in Racine, Wis.

"Santa Claus doesn't exist — but there he was for anyone to see," he continued.

"Just don't ask me to explain it. Whatever we found up there defies logic. It's the strangest thing I've ever seen."

The mind-boggling drama reportedly unfolded on the morning of December 2. Dr. Falk said that he and a British colleague, biologist Marcus Smythe, were investigating the impact of pollution on Arctic life.

MEN OF SCIENCE: Dr. Richard Falk, left, and Marcus Smythe found Santa's cabin in the Arctic wasteland.

They were less than six miles from the North Pole when Smythe saw gray smoke rising from a tiny log cabin.

"We thought we were hallucinating," explained Dr. Falk. "The North Pole can be an awfully forbidding place, and to think that someone had built a cabin up there just didn't make sense.

"Explorers will set up camp, of course, but they certainly don't build their shelters out of logs and glass. As we got closer we could see a light through the window.

the cabin and "were literally stunned" by what they found.

Peering through the panes of a window, they saw what Smythe described as an "obese, white-haired man and an elderly, white-haired woman" relaxing in chairs beside a pot-bellied stove.

"It might sound odd, but our hearts were racing," Smythe continued.

"We looked at each other for a moment but neither one of us knew what to say.

"Just then, the old man opened the door and invited us in."

Dr. Falk said he and Smythe accepted the invitation. Once inside, Smythe took a camera out of his backpack and asked the old man if he could take a picture.

"He was silent for a few seconds, which seemed like an eternity to me," said Smythe. "Then he said, 'All right.' When he sat back down I took the picture.

"Richard asked the old couple who

started to glow, first blue, then white. The whole cabin was glowing. Then everything vanished around us as if it had never even been there.

"Suddenly, Richard and I were standing outdoors. Everything we had seen, including the couple we photographed, had just disappeared."

Dr. Falk and Smythe decided to cut their trip short. The single photograph they took of the old couple has since been analyzed by experts who say it has not been altered or retouched in any way.

"We are preparing a full report that we hope to publish next spring," said Dr. Falk.

"We want the whole world to hear about our experience — even if we can't really explain it."

Woman falls on chain saw & dies!

MT. VERNON, Wash. — Farm wife Mindy Sue Feathers died a grisly death when she slipped and fell against the whirling blade of her husband's chain saw, severing an artery in her neck!

The Skagit County coroner said Mr. Feathers was using the rugged power tool to clear some small trees from around the family home when his wife tripped on the underbrush and fell headlong into the blade.

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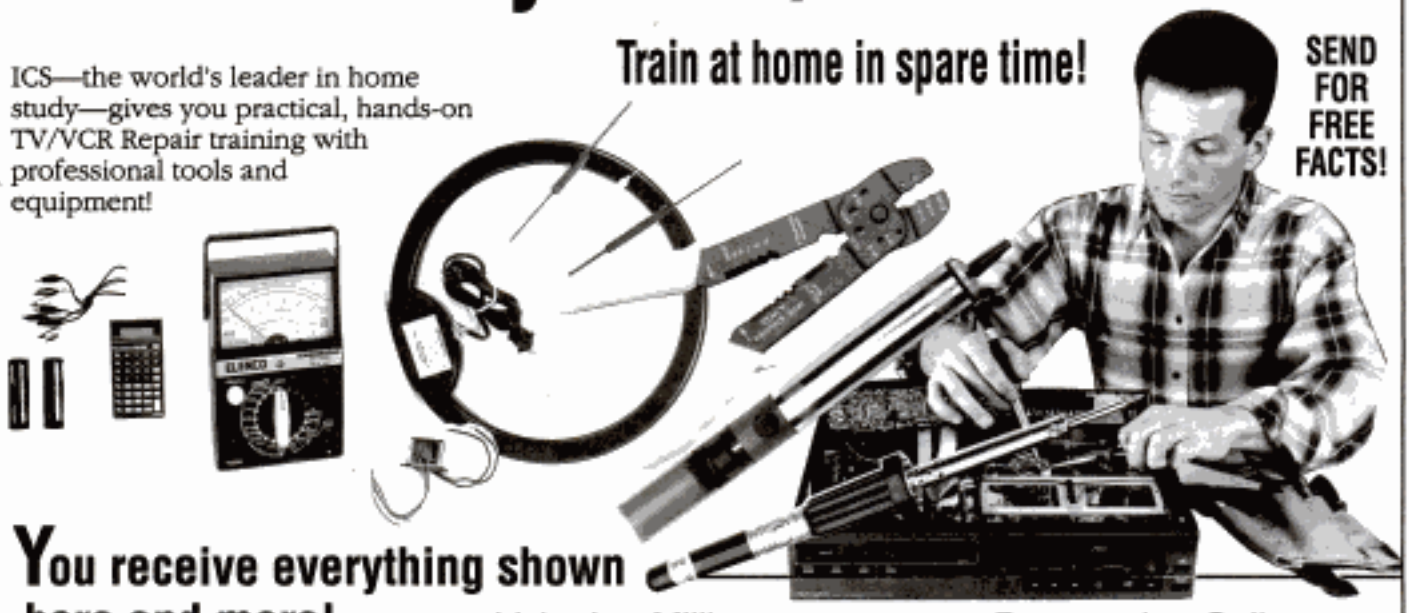

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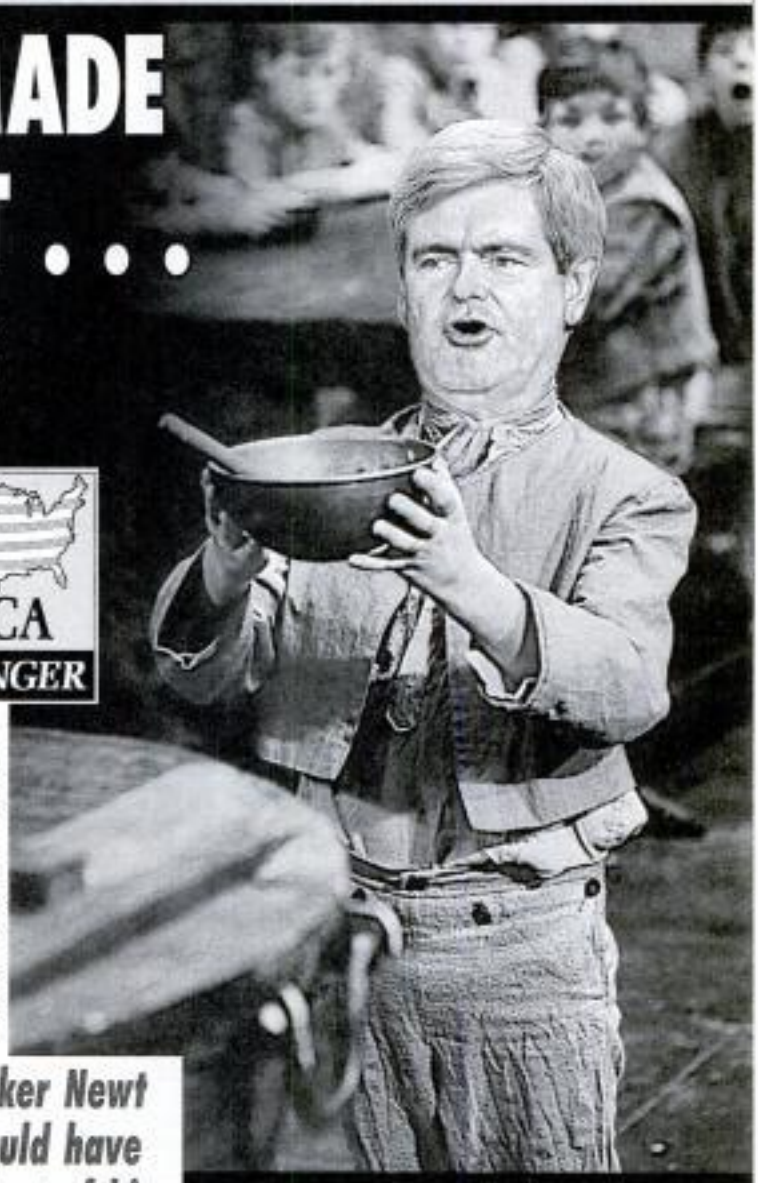

MY AMERICA
By ED ANGER

I'm madder than Oliver Twist with a bowl of cold porridge over all the liberal flak House Speaker Newt Gingrich got when he said most welfare kids would be better off in orphanages.

You're damn right, Newt. They WOULD be better off in orphanages.

I was sent to an orphanage way back during The Great Depression in 1934. I was only 4 years old, but my poor mother, God bless her soul, came down with tuberculosis and lost her job at the textile mill.

But I wouldn't trade those three years I spent at the children's home in Charlotte, N.C., for anything in the world.

All of us little orphans were required to work on the orphanage farm every day before and after school.

We plowed, picked vegetables, baled hay, milked cows and even sheared sheep to make our own wool sweaters for the cold winters.

And the only handouts us proud little ragamuffins ever took was maybe a piece of candy on Christmas Day and a cup of hot chocolate from the church ladies in town.

We didn't need Power Rangers and Sega Genesis to be happy. We respected our elders and said "Yes, Ma'am," and "No, Ma'am," to our teachers.

We even said our prayers in the classroom, believe it or not. That was back when it was legal to talk to God in the United States without getting sued by the American Civil Liberties Union or the Democratic Party, by jiminey.

But what makes me so pig-biting mad is all the bleeding-heart liberal crap about building new orphanages across our great land. It's an idea whose time has come . . . BACK, by gum.

Put these neglected, homeless, underfed, single-parent, welfare kids in orphanages and we will turn this country around so fast it will make your head spin.

Because if you know anything at all about great orphanages like Father Flannagan's Boys Town and that place where Oliver Twist was sent you know great people come out of these places.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich would have made the best of his orphanage experience

And if you don't believe me, let's just call history's "Honor Roll" of orphanage graduates: Christopher Columbus, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Eli Whitney, Robert E. Lee, Florence Nightingale, Booker T. Washington, Thomas Edison, Madame Curie, Susan B. Anthony, Little Orphan Annie, Albert Einstein, Charles Lindbergh, Babe Ruth, Steve McQueen, Ronald Reagan, Mother Teresa, and yours truly, me — Ed Anger.

Even Wendy's Restaurant Prez Dave Thomas was given up for adoption.

Still think Newt Gingrich is crazy for wanting

Ed Anger's Orphan Poll:

☐ Yes! I agree with Ed and Newt — welfare kids belong in orphanages that educate and care for children, giving them the love and support they need to become solid, happy, contributing members of society.

☐ No! Welfare kids belong on the streets with parents who abuse and neglect them until they're old enough to have children themselves — and collect welfare checks of their own.

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By SCOTT BARTRAM / *Correspondent*

Abraham Lincoln's last Christmas gift

. . . he reunites a Southern gal & her Rebel sweetheart!

PRESIDENT Abraham Lincoln showed his kindness even in the toughest times.

On Christmas Day 1864, attractively attired Laura Jones made a desperate call on the President of the United States. She absolutely had to get in to see Abraham Lincoln!

A holiday peacefulness had settled over the White House, even though America was still caught in the throes of the Civil War.

As dusk settled over the White House, Lincoln finished signing a stack of papers. He laid down his pen and sighed.

"What else is there to sign, Mr. Secretary?" Lincoln asked Gideon Welles. "Are we finally through for the day?"

"Mr. President, there is one special request from a 23-year-old girl who has been trapped here in Washington since the war began," Welles responded. "She desires to have a pass so she might travel safely to Richmond, in order to have a Christmas wedding to her sweetheart, Jamie Joe Ballinger — a Confederate soldier."

There was a long pause. Then Lincoln had his butler, Billy Slade, go tell the girl to come in. Lincoln spoke briefly with the forlorn Laura Jones and her sincerity seemed to make a deep impression on the President.

After silently listening to Laura's story, Lincoln nodded his head, and with a few strokes of his pen, proceeded to write some words on a card. He handed the travel pass to Miss Jones and wished her a Merry Christmas.

Laura Jones could not speak. Her eyes brimmed with tears of happiness. She was so grateful that she fell to her knees before the President.

"Get up," ordered Lincoln in a soft fatherly tone. "Do not kneel to me, but thank God and go!"

"Goodbye, Mr. Lincoln," she said. "I shall probably never again see you until we meet in Heaven."

President Lincoln was deeply moved.

"I am afraid with all my trouble I shall never get to the resting place you speak of, but if I do, I'm sure I will find you there. That you wish me to get there is, I believe, the best wish you could possibly make for me. Goodbye, Miss Jones."

Helping Laura Jones, a 23-year-old girl in love with an enemy soldier, was one of the nicest Christmas presents Lincoln ever gave.

And it was his last. Less than four months later he was shot dead at Ford's Theater.

Do you know what the smartest animals are?

Top 10 smartest animals!

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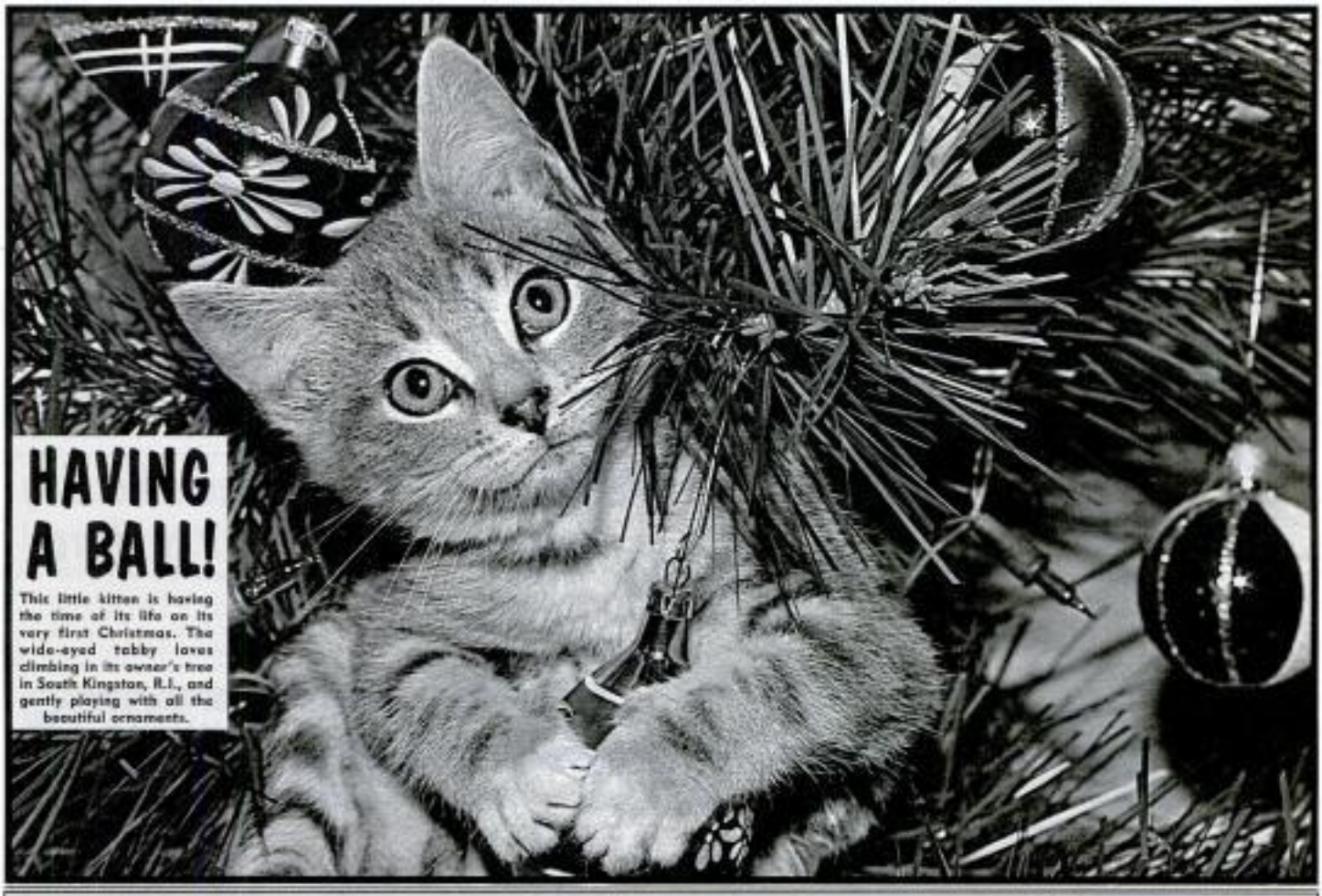

HAVING A BALL!

This little kitten is having the time of its life on its very first Christmas. The wide-eyed tabby loves climbing in its owner's tree in South Kingston, R.I., and gently playing with all the beautiful ornaments.

People paying $30,000 each to be killed — and brought back to life!

Scientist uses drugs to give clients a taste of death!

By SCOTTY PAUL / *Correspondent*

Bored jet-setters have abandoned the ski slopes of Colorado and Switzerland for a dangerous and breathtaking new thrill — a trip to the hereafter and back.

Hundreds of Americans and countless Europeans have paid $30,000 each to a French scientist who has found a way to put people to death and bring them safely back to life.

"I have been to Heaven and back. I have seen the tunnel, the white light, the angels . . . and yes, even God Himself," said excited Hildegard Bruche, a 26-year-old heiress who lives in Paris.

"It was an experience of a lifetime and one I will never forget. It was just like the movie *Flatliners*. And I'm going to do it again in the spring."

Dr. Andre Lavigne, 42, of Paris has been taking people beyond death and then reviving them for profit in Europe since 1991, but the risky fad has just caught on with wealthy young Americans.

Dr. Lavigne has established a secret clinic where patients are injected with a special solution that stops their hearts.

Seconds later, Dr. Lavigne uses chemicals mixed with powerful stimulants along with electric shock to bring the clients back.

"I have a 100 percent success record for which my clients and I today. All of my clients must sign a contract in advance relieving me of any responsibility in case they don't come back. If they or their lawyers aren't satisfied with the legal arrangements, they don't take the trip."

Dr. Lavigne realizes he risks arrest by Paris police every time he puts someone to death.

"But I'm so confident of my procedure that the reward is worth the risk," he said.

"Apparently my clients feel the same way."

Russians buy American jeans on 'time-sharing!'

MOSCOW — Money is so tight that groups of 24 to 52 people are pooling their rubles to purchase "time-share"

JUDGE TO ALLOW PUBLIC TO SEE EXECUTION ON TV!

CLEVELAND, Ohio — America will soon be frying convicted killers on TV!

on, which could come in 1995. "Since we have everything else on TV, let this

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Golfer hits hole-in-one — and drops dead on the spot!

By JACK ALEXANDER / *Staff writer*

REHOBOTH, Mass. — Golfing oldster Emil Kijek was ecstatic when his ball dropped in the cup for the first hole-in-one of his life — and then he dropped dead.

The tragedy occurred a few minutes after Kijek, 79, had realized a life's dream with the picture-perfect shot of his golfing life.

"We saw it go right to the green, drop, and roll and disappear," said Morris Dumont, one of Kijek's golfing buddies.

"I said, 'I think it went in the hole,' but he said, 'No, it probably rolled off the green.'"

Dumont said other members of the foursome were more excited about the "ace" than Kijek.

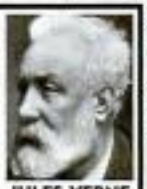
"Emil was happy but he wasn't jumping with joy and all that," he added.

Kijek was getting ready to tee off at the next hole at Sun Valley Golf Course when he suddenly rolled his eyes and said "Oh, no." Then he collapsed.

Paramedics desperately tried to revive the elderly golfer, but he was pronounced dead at Rhode Island Hospital.

"It's a tragedy. He was a joy to golf with and a real nice guy," Dumont said.

Man who predicted fax machines and cars in 1863 was called an idiot!



JULES VERNE

PARIS — Way back in 1863, famed science fiction author Jules Verne wrote a book that described cars, electric chairs and fax machines to a T!

And what's more, his publisher called Verne an "idiot" and turned the novel down because it was "too far-fetched!"

The book, *Paris in the 20th Century*, described a world that had lots of high technology but no soul. Later Verne rocked the world with classic books like *Around the World in 80 Days* and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. But the prophetic *Paris in the 20th Century* was never published in his lifetime.

The 218-page novel has just been released by Editions Hachette-Le Cherche Midi.

Newspaper goof has boozers flocking to church!

Check out this correction that red-faced editors ran in the *Des Moines Register*:

"An item in the Datebook Thursday erred in reporting that a cash bar will be part of the First Federated Church's Back to School Bash today. A car bash will be part of the event."

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FITNESS FANATICS ARE KILLING THEMSELVES — WITH EXERCISE!

People are actually exercising themselves to death, warn experts — who have given the name "morbid exercising" to this shocking new disease.

"Morbid exercising is when exercising is taken to the extreme. People become obsessed with exercise to the point where it takes over their whole lives," declared Dr. Alayne Yates. "They run with injuries, lose their social life because they're exercising constantly and continue to exercise through illness — which can result in permanent disability or even death.

"Morbid exercisers continue to work out even when they have medical problems such as heart disease or bone fractures.

"It's a new disease — people are actually exercising themselves to death."

The respected British medical journal *The Lancet* recounted the story of one 24-year-old woman who continued running even though she had a broken hip — because she was afraid that if she stopped running she'd gain weight.

Her hip didn't heal until she was finally able to get her morbid exercising under control. The guru of running, Jim Fixx, had heart disease and died while running, said Dr. Kelvin Leehey, a noted psychiatrist

"No doubt about it — morbid exercising is a new disease. One study documented 18 cases of death during jogging."

Based in part on a study in which 60 runners were given some extensive psychological tests, Dr. Leehey estimated that up to 5 percent of exercise enthusiasts become morbid exercisers — that would mean there are about 1.5 million morbid exercisers in the U.S.

"It's a serious problem," he added. "If you overexercise with heart or other medical problems, you could be killing yourself.

"If people can't control their morbid exercising, they should seek help from their doctor, who can then recommend appropriate treatment."

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Is my sister lying when she says there's no Santa Claus?

Dear Dotti: I am 8 years old. My big sister says I'm stupid because I believe in Santa Claus. She says Mommy and Daddy put presents under the tree because Santa isn't real. Is my sister lying to me? — Billy in Dallas

Dear Billy: I've never met Santa Claus but I do know his wife. And from what she tells me, Santa Claus not only exists, he's the hottest thing this side of a burning barn on those cold, North Pole nights!

I wasn't worth killing till you straightened me out!

Dear Dotti: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for changing my life. You probably don't remember me, but about six years ago I wrote you and confessed that I had been molesting children. I expected you to advise me to see a psychiatrist to help me come to grips with the abuse I suffered at the hands of my parents when I was a child myself. Instead, you advised me to "get a big gun" and blow my brains out. Your response was so shocking — and final — that I sat down and cried. As I did, I saw the light — and immediately turned my life around. I have never molested a child since that day. In fact, I have devoted my life to helping children through various charities and organizations. Thanks again, Dotti. In my book, your advice was just what the doctor ordered. You are a genius, indeed. — Grateful in D.C.

Dear Grateful: When the Good Lord gave out brains He gave me a few extra helpings. Need I say more?

Make my little brother zip up his pants, Dotti!

Dear Dotti: My little brother is the world's biggest jerk. He's 11 years old and every time my teenage friends come over he always finds some excuse to walk into the room with his zipper down. Mom works full-time, so she's not home to make him behave. I'm sick and tired of his stupid behavior, Dotti. What am I going to do? — Hopping Mad in Kelso

Dear Hopping Mad: I'm certainly no advocate of violence, but I will tell you this. Since we're talking about your LITTLE brother, you're ENTITLED to throw your weight around! Get my drift?

No-account hubby won't stop boozin' and cruisin'

Dear Dotti: My husband and I recently separated because he has two serious problems: Alcohol and women. He has made it clear that he wants to come back to me but he makes no bones about the fact that he won't change his ways for anybody — including me. I love my man and I really do want him back but I don't know if I can put up with his shenanigans anymore. What should I do, Dotti? — Undecided in Colorado Springs

Dear Undecided: If you think womanizing and alcohol abuse are "shenanigans," by all means take the clod back. Just don't come whining to me when the booze-addled idiot gives you AIDS — and beats the hell out of you when he's blind drunk!

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Confidentials

Dear Jobless in Dexter: The next time the boss tells you to spend $5 on his Christmas present, shell out $100 — at least!

Dear Disappointed Student in Sturgis: Lots of college gals "sleep their way to straight A's" — but unlike you, they're good-looking!

Dear Anxious Granny in Fords: The next time you lure a man into your house, turn the lights OFF!

Dear Humiliated Lady in Wayne: I don't care what your boyfriend says. His pants DID NOT come down by themselves!

Dear Perplexed in Bethany: I know why your wife hangs out at the truck stop — and deep down inside, so do you!

Dear Curious in Marlton: If psychiatrists aren't thieves, why do they take money from crazy people?

Dear Wondering in Whiteville: It's really none of your business, but I can't recall the last time I wore underpants.

Ask Serena

Which one of the football players got me pregnant?

Dear Serena: I'm a cheerleader at a college that has a super football team — but I'm afraid I had a little too much fun at one of our victory parties.

I was doing a lot of drinking at the party and ended up having a pretty wild time with a bunch of the football players. I don't even remember what guys I went to bed with that night but now I'm pregnant and I don't have any idea who the father is. Serena, I haven't told anyone about this so that's why I'm turning to you. Please tell me who the father of my child is so I can confront him without getting a whole bunch of innocent players in trouble. — Mom-To-Be in California

Dear Mom-To-Be: It was not a player who got you pregnant. It was the party. Tell your parents about what happened to you. And simple paternity test will prove he is the father.

strong feeling I was an extremely wealthy person in a former life. I have a good job and live in a nice apartment but I really feel unsatisfied with what I have. That's what makes me think I was rich in a former life, maybe even a king or something. Please look into your crystal ball and tell me what my previous lives were like. — Unhappy Middle-Class Worker in Winsted

Dear Unhappy: You were never rich in a former life. The closest you ever came to material wealth was when you the 1880s. That experience made you very bitter over your lack of wealth — and those feelings still linger with you.

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Dear Serena: Is my teenage son using drugs? — Truly Concerned in New Mexico

Dear Concerned: No. But he is drinking beer and cheap wine. Talk to him about alcohol abuse right away. You can save this child from a life of tragedy if you don't delay.

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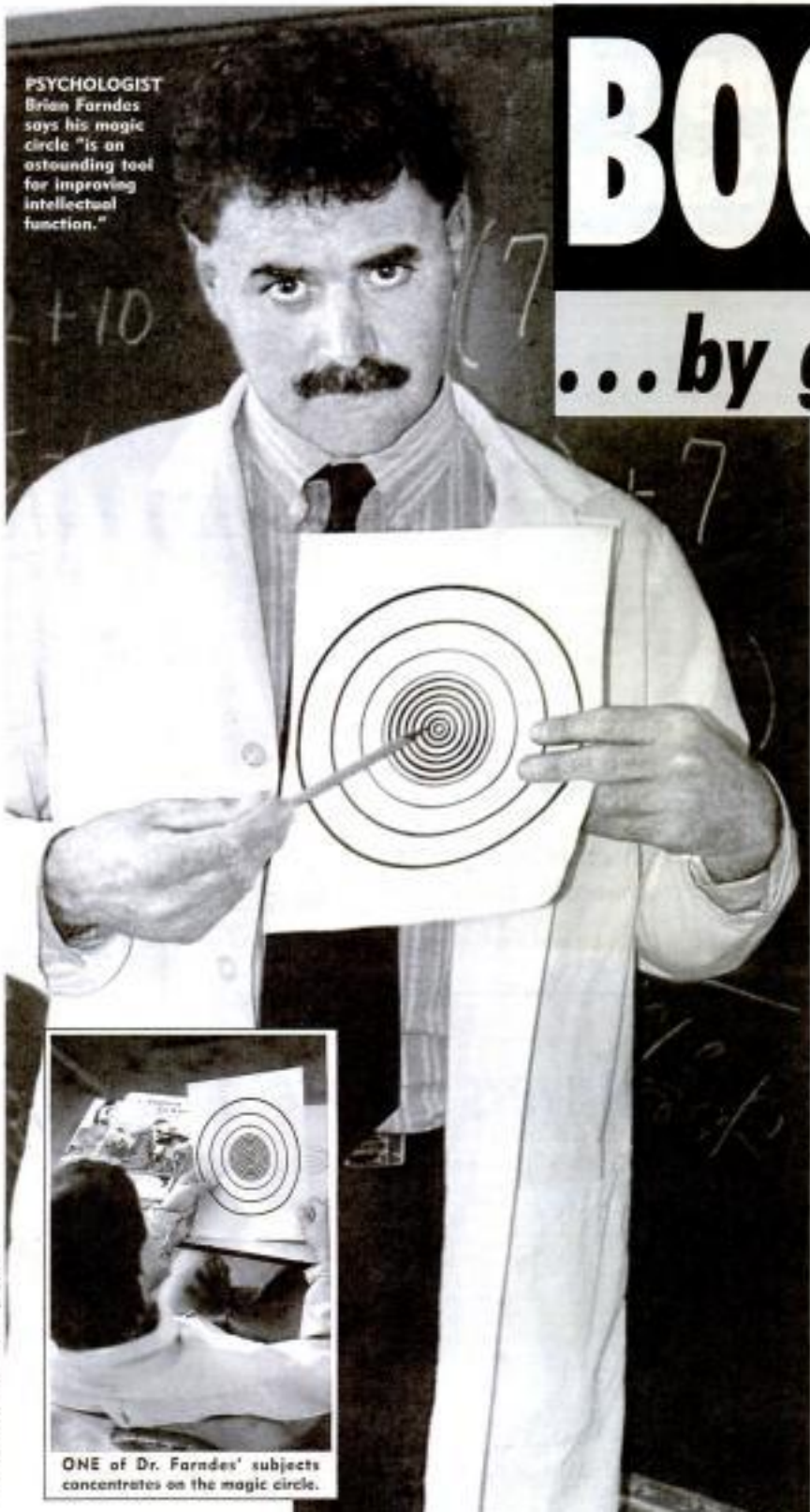

PSYCHOLOGIST Brian Farndes says his magic circle "is an astounding tool for improving intellectual function."

ONE of Dr. Farndes' subjects concentrates on the magic circle.

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By SUSAN JIMISON / *Staff writer*

DALLAS — You can boost your IQ by as much as 25 points in a matter of weeks — just by gazing for 60 seconds a day at a specially signed optical illusion!

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Teacher shoots 5-ye death during playgr

A fed-up kindergarten teacher shot and killed a 5-year-old student in a playground shoot-out that erupted when the boy whipped a .32-caliber revolver out of his lunch box, pointed it at the teacher — and told him to dance!

And far from feeling any remorse, 39-year-old David Graham says little Raymond Wiltshire "was a born criminal who deserved to die!

"I'm tired of living in fear of children who are more comfortable with knives and guns than they are with crayons and blocks," Graham said in his statement to police in Cape Town, South Africa.

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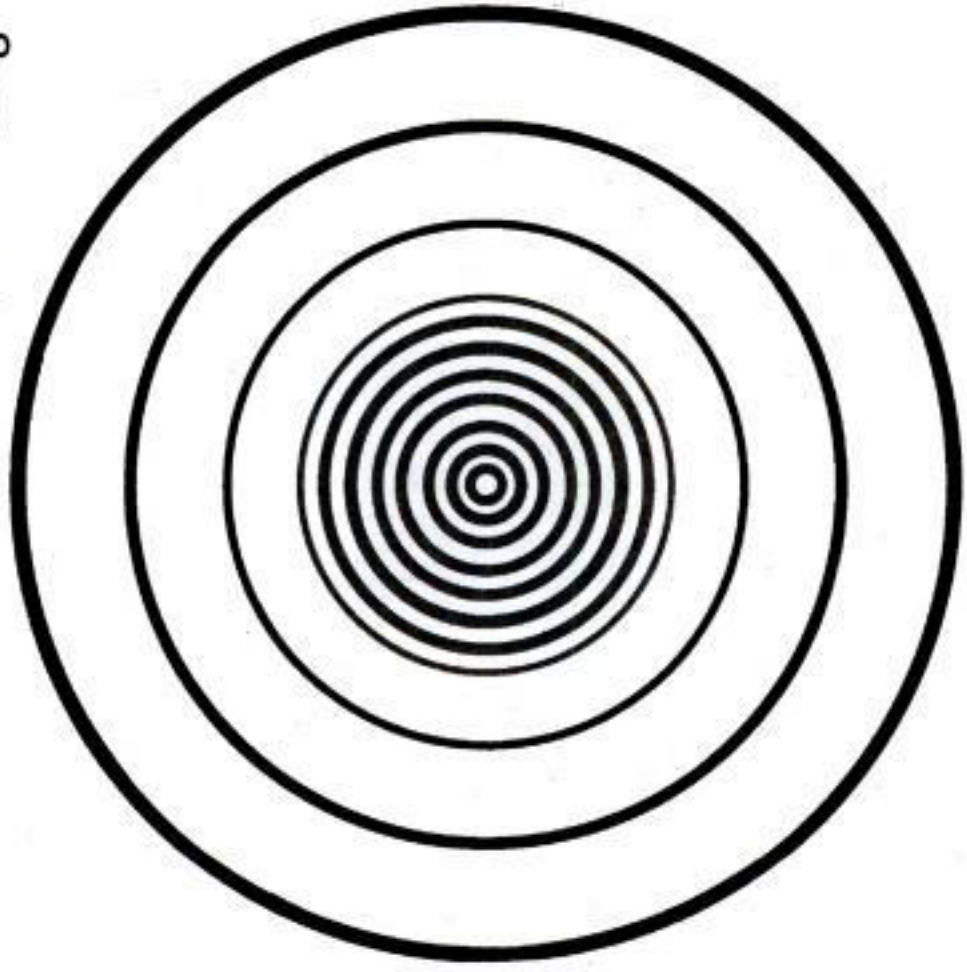

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Is this the real reason our kids are getting dumber?

NEW STRAIN OF ALZHEIMER'S ATTACKS TEENAGERS!

By ANN WILLIS / *Correspondent*

WASHINGTON — As if teenagers didn't have enough to worry about, researchers have discovered a new type of Alzheimer's disease that disables young adults!

Nobody knows for sure how long Early Onset Alzheimer's has been around. But at least one expert says it is not only rampant, it has a lot to do with soaring failure rates in schools — and is a prime cause of teen suicide.

"Johnny might not be able to read because Johnny might have Alzheimer's," French neurologist Dr. Pierre LaSalle, co-discoverer of EOA, told colleagues at a scientific conference here. "EOA is an insidious disease," he continued, "one that is destroying teenagers before they reach their prime.

"The actual numbers are hidden because many victims get depressed and commit suicide before they are diagnosed.

"But from all indications, EOA is striking up to a million teenagers a year worldwide."

There may be millions of victims, says scientist!

Alzheimer's disease has historically affected people over the age of 50 but the new variant has been known to strike victims as young as 13.

As with ordinary Alzheimer's, the cause is unknown — and diagnosis is difficult.

In fact, it is next to impossible to prove that a person has either variety of Alzheimer's until an autopsy is performed after the patient dies.

"Diagnosing EOA in young people is difficult but the warning signs are clear," explained Dr. LaSalle.

"Victims suffer memory loss and have difficulty performing routine tasks.

"They have trouble speaking and become disoriented. They misplace things and are extremely moody.

"They suffer personality changes and loss of initiative.

"As you might imagine, these symptoms can lead to depression and suicide.

"They can also mimic the symptoms we find in teenagers who use drugs.

"And to be perfectly frank, there isn't a doubt in my mind that some teens who are accused of smoking marijuana or taking LSD actually suffer from EOA."

Early Onset Alzheimer's was first diagnosed in a 14-year-old boy in August 1993. Since that time, at least 20,000 additional victims have been identified.

And computer projections suggest that the disease will claim millions of victims in years to come.

"EOA is going to take a terrible toll on teens," said Dr. LaSalle.

"On a high note, there are treatments to extend life, and the quality of life, when diagnosis is made early enough."

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That's what 6-year-old make-over artist Tracey Clunes might be saying as she beautifies her chimpanzee pal, Clare.

Let's hope Tracey's mom is as amused as we are when she sees the pint-size hairdresser, from Coventry, England, is using her best party wig to turn her pet into a gorgeous temptress.

MAN BILLED $50 FOR BUNGLED SUICIDE ATTEMPT!

SAINT-JEAN-de-LUZ, France — Pathetic Pierre Colbert not only bungled a suicide attempt in his jail cell but will have to pay for the ripped sheet and chair that was damaged when he tried to hang himself.

"He kicked the chair out from under him, but a guard heard the commotion and quickly cut him down," a

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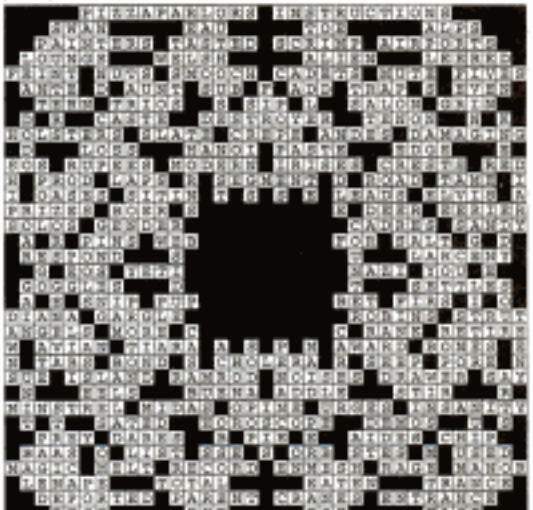

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A friend's recent raise has triggered your bad mood. Stop feeling sorry for yourself. Congratulate the fellow. Your time is coming.

Your past generosity to an old pal pays off with a surprise payback this week. You're toasted for your loyalty and devotion.

A seafood meal looks tempting, but avoid it. Shellfish pose a special danger this week, so stick to vegetables and poultry.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

Your blunt, realistic manner gets you in trouble when advising a friend. You're better off listening and holding back the awful truth.

Your boss or an old acquaintance praises you unexpectedly for your patience and sensitivity.

A woman in yellow confronts you on the street with a bizarre request. Take care how you act.

Too much partying this weekend is a no-no.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

Take a realistic approach to everything, whether it be love or just having a good time. Put your ability to adapt to good use.

If your spirits are high this week, try to cheer up someone in need. If you've got the moody blues, find a shoulder to cry on. Release your emotions!

Your mind will be restless this week. Stay away from matters involving money.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Unexpected and exciting events will begin to unfold this week and it's no time to be wish-washy about any course of action you may want to take. If you see someone who excites you, make your move!

Doing chores around the house will make you feel good about yourself. Then spend time with chums.

Your compassion will have friends looking to you for help. Give freely of yourself.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Your natural vanity has you leaping to conclusions that could drive a wedge between you and a loved one this week. Comments you thought were aimed at you were actually directed toward someone else. Give those close to you the benefit of the doubt when controversy arises.

Someone in authority admires your style. Keep up the good work. An opportunity is coming your way.

A child will bring you luck.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Everything is coming up roses. A stranger makes a decision that will bring joy and financial security. Listen carefully to any proposal, no matter how strange it sounds. Don't tell anyone to take a flying leap.

Your natural desire to help someone in trouble could get you in hot water. Stop and think before you jump.

Something small and gray brings you comfort. Watch for it.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Now is the time to resolve a long-standing family dispute. Make the first move and don't be afraid to compromise. Others will respect your courage.

A sudden change in travel plans may cause you concern, but don't lose your cool. You are much better off staying close to home.

Friendliness could open the door to a terrific opportunity in the very near future.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Don't be greedy when an unusual investment scheme arises. Rely on the advice of experts and your own common sense when you're deciding whether to invest.

Now is the time to tackle an important project you have been postponing for too long. Get organized and get to work.

Someone close is suffering in silence. Be a sympathetic listener, but keep your opinions to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Honesty and wisdom are some of your strengths. Both may be tested this week by a friend or relative. Be cautious in your reaction.

It's normal for you to be judgmental and intolerant of people. But be patient and understanding this week.

Don't look for quick solutions to problems. A hurried compromise may result in temporary peace, but won't help you in the long run.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Family members are sure to be combative if you don't stop being bossy. Compromise to avoid nasty squabbles — but not too much!

This is an excellent time to cultivate new friends. An especially young and attractive woman may surprise you with her insight into what makes you tick.

Fair-weather and true friends show themselves for what they are — and you may be shocked.

If your birthday is this week . . .

Mon., Dec. 26 — Sun., Jan. 1

You'll see how your friendly nature pays off after you're kind to a total stranger. Accept this good fortune as a reward for your good behavior toward people.

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A summer romance could blossom into a beautiful relationship if you don't lose sight

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You are too demanding and intolerant of others. Don't expect too much out of people.

A close friend or relative may ask you to bail them out of a financial crisis. They may need more than just money.

One of your strong points is a great imagination, but you haven't been using this asset in an entertaining or constructive way. It's

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A run of good fortune can bring you great happiness if you guard against taking it for granted. Enter all the contests and sweepstakes you can!

Fleeing from reality could get you in trouble this week. Strive to see the cold, hard facts in any endeavor. Be especially critical where your health is involved.

Family members could use some

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"Children taught at home do as well or better than the kids who go to school," said attorney Patricia Lines.

At least 50,000 children of school age are now being tsaught at home. Most are in elementary grades, she said.

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CRYSTAL BALL BLOWS UP — AND KILLS 7!

PSYCHIC Lupe Martinez was blown to bits.

By KEVIN CREED / *Correspondent*

MADRID — A psychic reading at a wedding reception ended tragically when a fortune-teller's crystal ball exploded, killing seven members of the wedding party and wounding five others!

And some experts say the deadly blast was caused by the angry spirit of the husband's former wife.

The sudden explosion shattered the joyous reception killing Tomas and Maria Reyes, married less than an hour, and five guests.

The psychic, Lupe Martinez, was a friend who offered the crystal ball reading as a wedding gift.

"It happened so fast," said Laura Sanchez, a guest who lost an arm in the explosion. "One moment we were drinking, laughing, listening to Tomas and Maria's fortunes being told. The next moment there were body parts and blood everywhere.

"We were asking innocent questions like how many children they would have, where they would live and if they would be rich.

"But then one tasteless person asked if Tomas would ever be able to forget his former wife Rosa who died two years ago.

"Lupe looked down into the crystal and a frantic, troubled look came across her face.

"But before she could say anything we heard the loud boom and felt the shock of the explosion.

"I know it was Rosa who blew the crystal ball apart. She was a very jealous woman and I could feel her presence around me."

But Officer Miguel Garcia of the Madrid police disagrees.

"Our bomb squad is going over the crime scene with a fine-tooth comb," said Officer Garcia. "We haven't been able to find out what caused the disaster yet but we will. And you can bet it can and will be explained scientifically.

"We're hearing a lot of silly mumbo-jumbo in connection with the case — people who think the blow-up was the act of a jealous ghost. But there's always a perfectly logical reason for these things and we're determined to find it."

Mystery explosion wipes out bride, groom, wedding guests — and the fortune-teller

Nevertheless, famed parapsychologist Dr. Carlos Ruiz has run a series of tests of the area and has absolutely no doubt that the blast resulted from supernatural energies.

"This isn't the first time a mysterious explosion from the afterlife has rocked a wedding," said Dr. Ruiz.

"Jealousy is a strong emotion that can often give people who die the power to retaliate violently from beyond the grave when their spouse or lover tries to find happiness with another."

William Shakespeare was a moron!

William Shakespeare was an idiot, according to findings unearthed by researchers Gabriel Perry and Gunnar Pettersson.

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KINDHEARTED Kristy Delaney lost her life on a mission of love.

Editor's Note: In one of the most heartrending holiday stories ever, a poverty-stricken 15-year-old lost her life a few days before Christmas — because she desperately wanted gifts for her younger brothers and sisters. The tragic tale provoked an outpouring of letters and calls from *Weekly World News* readers in 1988, when it was first published. We repeat it again for those who may have missed its message of selfless love.

By SUSAN JIMISON
Staff writer

POTEAU, Okla. — Penniless teen Kristy Delaney died tragically just before Christmas when she was digging through the ruins of a burned-out store looking for presents for her brothers and sisters — and a wall collapsed on her, crushing her!

The 15-year-old girl was still clutching a bag of toys for her seven siblings when rescuers uncovered her body under a pile of rubble.

"It was just little five-and-dime stuff," said Poteau Police Chief Bob Hendricks. "It was stuff she wanted to give to her brothers and sisters at Christmas."

Kristy's single mom Judy said the pretty teen was her best friend and helper and that the girl took it hard when the family couldn't afford Christmas presents on their skimpy Social Security income.

"We never had much," the grieving mom recalled. "I was never able to give them the things they wanted. But we had our love. We had a happy family. We had each other.

"That day . . . the day she died . . . Kristy said she was going to go to the store that had the fire to see if she could find some toys to give as presents. I told her not to go because it was too dangerous. I told her we didn't need the toys that bad."

Teen was searching for toys in the rubble of a burned-out store!

But Kristy's love for her brothers and sisters was stronger than her fear and the dark-eyed teen ignored her mother's warnings. She and a friend went to the burned toy store to see what they could find.

Kristy was searching through debris at the base of a wall of the fire-gutted store when suddenly the wall collapsed, burying her.

"I was told she had been putting the toys into a plastic bag," Judy said. "Her friend said there were toys scattered around her when she was found.

"I'm having a hard time understanding that she's gone. I look for her everywhere and I see her everywhere. She was such a beautiful, loving little girl.

"Now she's gone and I miss her terribly. So do her brothers and sisters. Christmas just won't be the same without her. It won't ever be the same."

LITTLE ANGEL of mercy, Kristy, right, is pictured with her mom and four of her siblings.

Man with world's highest blood pressure runs 5 miles a day!

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Retired carpenter David Clay has what is believed to be the world's highest blood pressure — 350 over 240 — but the condition hasn't cramped his style a bit!

At the ripe age of 83, he runs five miles a day, lifts weights and enjoys a weekly game of handball, baffled doctors report.

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NEWS from around the world

By Leskie Pinson

Victims sing the blues after carolers rob them blind!

FRIBOURG, Switzerland — Cops have arrested a group of Christmas carolers who went door-to-door serenading residents — while their friends sneaked into the houses and stole more than $40,000 in cash and jewelry!

"To think that they used the carols as just a distraction is the lowest blow of all," one distraught victim lamented.

Funeral home fined over Santa Claus corpse!

HOFFELL, Iceland — A funeral home has been issued a stiff fine — because it dressed up a man like Santa Claus for a December 24 funeral!

The family of Henri LaBonte was reportedly stunned and furious when they discovered a funeral home worker had put a fake beard and red suit on the dead fellow.

Fat-lady video game breaks sales records!

TOKYO, Japan — Stores are reporting record Christmas sales for a video game that requires players to use a joystick to maneuver an overweight woman out of a lake and into a canoe!

"This game is very addicting," video-game expert Kao Tsi-Ling said. "I know people who spend hours at a time trying to get that woman into the boat."

Annual Christmas Day tomato fight canceled!

PELOTAS, Brazil — City officials have reluctantly canceled the annual Christmas Day tomato fight.

"After so many people were hurt in last year's event we just couldn't afford the high cost of insurance," Mayor Manuel Alves announced.

The messy brawl had drawn thousands of tourists since it was started in 1974.

Secretary sues over mistletoe snub!

MUNICH, Germany — A 53-year-old secretary has filed a $4.2 million discrimination suit — because her bosses didn't kiss her under the mistletoe at the company Christmas party!

Eva Gerhauer said she suffered "great humiliation" when she was ignored as she stood for three hours under the mistletoe. She claimed bosses frequently kissed other younger secretaries when they got anywhere near the mistletoe.

How you can sleep like a baby!

Five out of six people who complain of insomnia don't really have the sleep **disorder, says Dr. Stanley Platman, a psych**iatrist and sleep expert.

"Studies conducted in sleep labs show that most people complaining of **insomnia sleep only about one hour less than** the average sleeper," Dr. Platman **told *Weekly World News*.**

One study shows that most people who complained they slept less than five hours a night actually were sleeping seven hours or more. Another found those who claimed it took an hour to fall asleep usually dozed off in 15 minutes, on average.

Other research discovered that people's estimates of how long they sleep depend largely on their mood. Happy people believe they sleep longer than they do. Deeply depressed people think they sleep less.

Victims of imaginary insomnia are convinced their condition is real, Dr. Platman said.

And the problem is as serious as real insomnia because "it can drive people to take sleeping pills and may trigger a drug habit," Dr. Platman added.

If you feel you have a problem sleeping, here's what to do, according to Dr. Platman and Dr. James Hodge.

Stop worrying about not sleeping enough. And, as you get older, expect to sleep less. Try to have something exciting to look forward to each day. Those who do, wake up enthusiastic and feeling well-rested, while those who don't, tend to complain they didn't get enough sleep.

Don't take sleeping pills, unless you're advised to do so by a doctor. If you're convinced you have a serious sleep problem, consult a sleep specialist in your area.

Bright-faced Melanie Bolton is the kind of gal who can fill anyone with Christmas spirit. The 19-year-old blonde is expected to become one of

People accuse Congress of dragging its feet on legislation, but in reality it's right on schedule. The problem is, it's on

PREACHER PERFORM

REVEREND Everett's son Scott was shot to death by Carlucci in 1987.

By JACK ALEXANDER / *Staff writer*

Connecticut pastor gets murderer out of jail so he can tie the knot!

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — A forgiving pastor who practiced what he preached not only helped his son's killer get out of prison, but presided at his wedding.

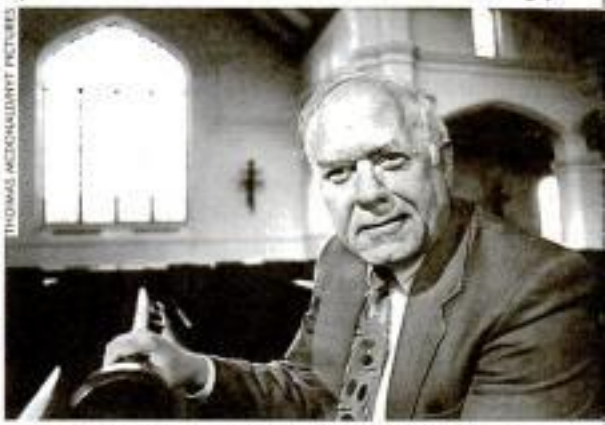
The Rev. Walter Everett spoke from the heart when he told Michael Carlucci and his bride at the altar:

"Love means knowing that you can say, 'I'm sorry,' and that the other person will forgive you. 'I'm sorry' and 'I forgive you' are the key words in any relationship."

Carlucci, 34, shot Everett's 24-year-old son, Scott, during a drunken fight in 1987. Carlucci, who said he never meant to kill Scott, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in prison.

Everett, 60, was angry

CONVICTED killer Michael Carlucci was let out of jail in 1991 after Rev. Everett spoke in his behalf at a parole hearing.



FORGIVING his son's killer helped the Rev. Walter Everett find some inner peace. "Love rejoices in the right," he says.

Goofy guru's wacky plan to halt the spread of AIDS

RANCHI, India — Goofy guru Jagdish Darda is terrified that shaking hands will spread AIDS — so he's recommending that everyone reach for the sky and shout "Yaahoo!" instead.

"When you meet a friend or when you are introduced to someone new, raise your hands high and yell 'Yaahoo!' instead of employing the traditional handshake," the harebrained holy man recently told his followers. He later told reporters that people the world over should adopt the loony-tunes salute to avoid physical contact and minimize the risk of contracting AIDS.

Couple finds 10-foot snake in motel room

BALTIMORE, Md. — Imagine Christopher Smith's surprise when he got up from bed in his plush hotel room — and stepped on a 10-foot snake sliding across the floor!

ing intentional infliction of emotional distress.

"I knew exactly what it was when I stepped on it," said Smith. "I felt it squirm. It was a night of horror."

Fire-eater busted for DUI after failing breath test!

Darryn Saville says it wasn't booze that caused him to appear drunk on a police breath test. It was liquid fuel used in his fire-eating act.

"Darryn's case is that the reading was affected by the amount of paraffin he had consumed or had in his mouth during a performance a half hour before he was arrested for drunk driving," his lawyer explained. The arrest occurred as Darryn was driving home after performing his fire-eating act at a pub.

A breath test by cops showed Saville was 2½ times over the legal limit, judges in Camberley, England, were told. But Saville, 28, says a unique breath test will prove it was the paraffin and not alcohol.

Paraffin is a waxy, crystalline, flammable substance used chiefly in coating and sealing candles and in cosmetics. Paraffin also is a vital part of a fire-eater's act.

"If the result is that the amount of paraffin Darryn consumes during his performance does not affect the machine, he has no option but to plead guilty," said his attorney.

S WEDDING FOR HIS SON'S KILLER!

about the light sentence until he heard Carlucci apologize at a court hearing. A year later, he wrote Carlucci and offered forgiveness.

"I began to see how the anger was destroying me," he explained. Afterward, he found some inner peace. But forgiving his son's killer helped destroy Everett's already troubled 34-year marriage. His wife left him and he has since remarried.

Carlucci was released from prison in 1991 after Everett, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Hartford, spoke in his behalf at a parole hearing.

"Love is patient and kind," the quiet preacher told Carlucci and his bride, Sandie Foerster, reading from the Bible. "It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right."

Carlucci feels redeemed by Everett's compassion and forgiveness, but said he doesn't fully understand how the preacher could feel that way.

"I have a 13-year-old daughter and if anybody hurt her, I'd probably feel like I have to hurt him," he said.

PRACTICING what he preaches: Rev. Everett performed the wedding service uniting Michael Carlucci and his bride at a Hartford church.

ANIMAL QUACKERS

People all over the United States are using animals in ways that Mother Nature never intended:

- Two thieves robbed a store in Camden, N.J., by threatening the owner with large black snakes.
- A guy attacked another man in Texas by grabbing a sleeping bat and throwing it at him.
- A woman in Pennsylvania said her ex-boyfriend chased her with a snapping turtle during a fight over their breakup.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's Christmas message of love

The late Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, world-renowned minister and author of the best-selling *The Power of Positive Thinking*, provided *Weekly World News* readers with a message of Christmas love a few years ago. Here is the heartwarming story from his own past:

I learned an important lesson one Christmas Eve when I was very young and shopping with my father.

Tired and loaded down with packages, I was thinking how good it would be to get home when a beggar — a bleary-

hand and asked for money. The man's hands were so dirty that I instinctively recoiled. Impatiently I brushed him aside and he shuffled away.

My father, who had as big a heart for humanity as any man I ever knew, said, "Norman, it's Christmas Eve. You shouldn't treat a man that way."

"But, Dad, he's nothing but a bum."

"Bum?" he said. "There is

no such thing as a bum. He is a child of God, my boy. Maybe he hasn't made the most of himself but still he is a child of God. You must always look upon a man with esteem. I want you to give him something. Think of all the blessings the Lord has given us."

I didn't think we were so favored since my father's salary was very small. However, we always did have enough to eat and clothes to wear.

My father pulled out a dollar which was a lot for his means and said, "I want you to take this dollar and give it to that

are giving him this dollar in the name of Christ."

So reluctantly I caught up with the man and said, "Excuse me, sir. I give you this dollar in the name of Christ."

He looked at me with absolute surprise before a wonderful smile spread across his face. I forgot that he was dirty and unshaven. Instead I saw the nobility of the man shine through his face. Graciously, he said to me, "I thank you, young sir, in the name of Christ."

I hope that the message of this story — that love brings out the nobility in all of us

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The Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturer made his new candy with a machine originally designed for making medicine pills. He had the machine adapted to punch holes in the candy so that it would be shaped like little O's.

Crane realized the mints looked much like life preservers, so he called his hard candy "Life Savers."

Then one day Edward John Noble, a young New York City salesman of trolley advertising space, tried a Life Saver. And he was so impressed that he took a train to Cleveland to sell Crane on the idea of advertising the new product in New York trolley cars.

But Crane insisted that his real business was chocolates, not Life Savers. To get rid of the ad salesman, Crane suggested that Noble buy his mint candy idea — and Noble did, for only $2,900.

Noble then decided there was no reason Life Savers had to be sold only in candy shops, so he began promoting them in other stores, including barbershops, restaurants and saloons.

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7 great ways to toot your own horn on the job!

By BOB SHAVERS / Correspondent

You can toot your own horn to get the credit you deserve — and by knowing when and how to toot, you can do it without antagonizing others, says business expert Robert Kriegel.

Here are a few tips from Kriegel, coauthor of *The C Zone: Peak Performance Under Pressure.*

1. Don't brag too often. When you toot your own horn, make sure your achievement is worth it.

2. Share the glory. Give credit to other people who have helped you. Show you're a team player. By emphasizing how well you work with others, you'll increase your chances of getting a promotion.

3. Avoid talking about "golden oldies." Bosses want to hear about your latest accomplishment — not about what you did last month.

4. Tailor your toot to your audience. Report all your achievements to the proper sales manager about how much money you've saved the firm, or to the production supervisor about the big sales you've made, because you're bragging to the wrong audience.

5. Be willing to admit your mistakes. Take responsibility for the things you have done wrong. This will make others more receptive when you talk about what you've accomplished.

6. Don't brag to your coworkers — they can't help you get promoted. Make your contributions known to those who can help you get ahead.

7. Be specific. Don't talk about how hard you work — talk in specifics. It's not nearly as impressive to claim, "We're saving lots of money on office supplies," as it is to report, "We're saving $2.50 per box on computer paper.

The miracle in your pantry — BAKING SODA!

AMAZING PRODUCT is a must in every household. It cleanses, deodorizes, retards fire and even improves personal health and hygiene.

By SUSAN JIMISON / *Staff writer*

In a world of chemicals and pollutants, one super substance stands out as pure, powerful and harmless to human health and the environment: Ordinary old-fashioned baking soda!

The miracle substance, known scientifically as sodium bicarbonate, has scores of uses, costs only pennies and is as close as the nearest supermarket. What's more, it works better than many of the chemical concoctions cooked up in industrial labs.

"It is a great eliminator of odors," says Anne Cook, head of a private housecleaning service in Des Moines, Iowa. "It really absorbs them. I also use it on stove tops because it cleans so well and it's not real abrasive."

Here are just some of the uses you can put baking soda to around your house:

- Clean stains out of your coffee pot or tea kettle with baking soda.
- Use as a mouthwash by dissolving 1 teaspoon baking soda in a half glass of water and rinsing the mouth. Leaves no telltale scent.
- Add baking soda to your cat's litter to reduce odors.
- Pour 1/4 cup baking soda into your dishwasher to absorb the odor of dirty dishes until you start the wash cycle.
- Baking soda will clean corrosion from car battery terminals.
- A half cup of baking soda added to your liquid detergent will leave your laundry fresh and bright. If you're using bleach, reduce the amount of bleach by half.
- Relieve pain of canker sores or itch of chicken pox sores by applying moistened baking soda.
- To clean combs and brushes, soak them for five minutes in a solution of warm water and four tablespoons of baking soda. The mixture removes oils without leaving a soap residue.
- Wipe baked-on or burned-on foods off glass, porcelain, enamel or metal pots and pans by dampening the dirty area, sprinkling on baking soda and soaking overnight.
- Dust icy front steps and sidewalks with baking soda to provide a slip-free surface without damaging the cement, brick or wood surface.
- Clean scuff marks off floors and crayon marks off walls and furniture with non-abrasive baking soda.
- Soap film and grime will disappear without scratching surfaces if baking soda is used to clean toilets, tiles, chrome fixtures, bathtubs, or shower stalls. Baking soda also wipes out mildew.
- Use as a bacteria-killing deodorant by dusting under your arms.
- Clean the tarnish off silverware with a paste of baking soda and a damp sponge. After cleaning, rinse and polish.
- Brush pets' teeth to a gleaming white with baking soda.
- Extinguish dangerous grease fires on your stove by sprinkling baking soda on flames.
- A sprinkling of baking soda in the dirty clothes hamper will keep it smelling fresh. Try the same for garment storage bags and closets.
- Freshen shoes with a dusting of odor-killing baking soda.
- Clean stained and dirty hands with baking soda after gardening or mechanical work.
- Pet accidents can be wiped off rugs with a little club soda, then allowed to dry. Afterwards, sprinkle some baking soda on the stain to kill odors, let sit for 15 minutes and vacuum away.
- Whiten teeth and freshen breath using baking soda instead of toothpaste.
- Take the sting and itch out of insect bites by soaking in a tub of lukewarm water with 1/2 cup of baking soda in it. Works well on bee stings, poison oak and ivy or prickly heat, too.
- Put the sparkle back in hair by removing conditioner buildup with a dry scrub of baking soda. Rub in once a week, then rinse thoroughly. Check with your beautician first if you have chemically treated hair.
- Remove odors from wooden cutting boards by rubbing board with baking soda, then rinsing.

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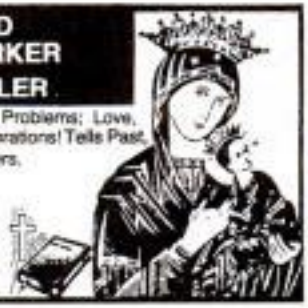

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Marilyn Monroe suffered the heartbreak of hemorrhoids.

Steel-bottomed Barry Kirk of Wales bagged a world record by sitting naked in a bathtub of cold baked beans for 100 straight hours.

President Benjamin Harrison, who ran the country from 1889 to 1893, was such a klutz he didn't know how to flick off the newfangled electric lights in the White House. If there were no flunkies around to do his flicking for him, bozo Ben went to bed with the lights on.

Those are just a few of the tantalizing tidbits of information we've assembled here to help you dazzle your pals and astound your enemies. For more gems from the *Weekly World News* treasury of trivia, read on.

● In Alabama, it's illegal to wear a Groucho Marx mask in church.

● Most lobsters never have sex. (Look one in the eye and you can understand why.)

● The average person will exhale enough air during a lifetime to fill 30 Goodyear blimps.

● You can examine the inside of a green Madagascar frog without dissecting it — because the skin on its belly is transparent.

MR. POTATO HEAD was the first toy ever advertised on TV.

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● In the good old days, when a kid with a slingshot fired a stone at a tin can, the missile was supposed to hum through the air and ding when it hit the can. And that's how we got the word humdinger.

● Inflation is everywhere. The price for a pretty bride in New Guinea has risen from 26 pigs to 85 pigs in just eight years.

● American women spend more than $1 billion a year keeping their fingernails looking spiffy.

● Queen Victoria's doctor saved the vertebrae of beheaded King Charles I — and used them as saltshakers.

● The Earth's core is hotter than the sizzling surface of the sun.

● A polar bear can smell a human from 20 miles away.

● A whopping 92,000 babies named Michael Smith are born in the U.S. each year.

● Beautiful monarch butterflies sometimes fly as high they ride the jet

WEARING a Groucho Marx mask to church is against the law in Alabama.

Overheard: ***"I don't deny that my husband is more intelligent than I am. The proof is that he was smart enough to marry me and I was dumb enough to marry***

Ocean, just like jumbo jets. Once in the rapidly moving upper atmosphere, the butterflies simply open their wings and glide for 3,000 miles.

● Calling someone "nice" wasn't always a compliment. The word originally meant ignorant. Have a nice day.

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New government study just released

HUMAN SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION!

Some jobs put you at greater risk of mysteriously bursting into flames!

WASHINGTON — More plumbers burst into flames and burn to a crisp as victims of Human Spontaneous Combustion than people in any other profession, a new government study shows.

By DAVID WELK
Correspondent

Nobody can explain why plumbers are at greater risk than other folks.

But of the 17,307 people who fell prey to the strange phenomenon worldwide in 1993, the last year for which figures are available, 12,073 — that's 69 percent — were plumbers, explained one expert.

"HSC affects very few people but for some reason, plumbers suffer an inordinate number of casualties," the expert said.

HSC has afflicted thousands of people throughout history and nobody has ever been able to figure out what causes victims to burst into flames and burn to ash from the inside out.

Modern victims are generally under heavy stress, but researchers say the link is tenuous at best.

After plumbers, the following professions rounded out the Top 10 most affected by HSC in 1993:

2. Elementary school teachers, 1,239.
3. Cab drivers, 908.
4. Data processing clerks, 899.
5. Dentists, 786.
6. Clergymen, 473.
7. Psychiatrists, 345.
8. Police officers, 213.
9. Actors, actresses, 189.
10. All other occupations, 177.

MORE THAN 17,000 PEOPLE exploded into flames in 1993 like this tragic woman, left. A new study links Human Spontaneous Combustion with the occupations of its victims.

Woman caught smuggling dead baby onto airplane!

NEW YORK CITY — Airport officials stopped a woman trying to pass through a metal detector to examine a mysterious bulge under her coat — and found she was carrying a dead baby!

The young Englishwoman told authorities she had given birth to the baby a few hours before and wanted to take it back

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HOW SANTA CLAUS BECAME A CHRISTMAS TRADITION

By DALE EVANS ROGERS

Former movie and television cowgirl Dale Evans rode to fame and fortune with her partner Roy Rogers. Here she traces the fascinating story of Santa Claus which is taken from her book *Christmas is Always*. In this excerpt, Dale tells how a Turkish man named Nicholas began the tradition of holiday gift giving.

Santa Claus is one of America's most cherished Christmas traditions — but just how did he get that way?

Well, the figure of Santa Claus is actually a symbol of the spirit of giving. He is based on a real man named Nicholas who lived many years ago in Turkey.

His legend started in Turkey . . .

Nicholas' father was a rich merchant who for years had no children. He and his wife made a promise to God that if He would send them a child, they would train him to love and serve God.

God answered their prayers and sent a boy, whom they named Nicholas. When the old couple died, they left Nicholas a great deal of money. The Spirit of the Lord prompted young Nicholas to give away all he had with the exception of three small bags of gold — enough to keep him nicely for the rest of his life.

Then one day Nicholas heard the weeping of a neighbor's daughter, and he overheard the father telling her that he was too poor to give her a dowry for her marriage. In those days, a girl could not marry unless she had a dowry — a gift of money — to bring to her husband. If she could not do this, her father had to sell her as a slave.

Nicholas couldn't bear to hear the girl cry. He crept behind a bush by the neighbor's home and tossed one of the bags of gold through a window.

He did not want them to know who did it because he was a modest man.

So the daughter was happily married.

But there were three daughters in the family and soon it was the next daughter's turn.

The father was still very poor and again Nicholas heard weeping and tossed a bag of gold through the window.

By this time, the father was determined to know who the "angel of charity" was — so when it was the third daughter's turn he stationed a watchman outside his window to catch the wonderful benefactor. When Nicholas tossed his last bag of gold, the man grabbed him and took him inside, where the grateful father thanked him for ensuring the future of his three girls.

Of course, this became well known in town, which embarrassed Nicholas. He decided to go away to become a priest, since he loved to serve God and his fellow man.

When he had finished his studies, Nicholas went to the town of Myra. The townsfolk there were trying to elect a new bishop to take the place of the old bishop who had just died. They couldn't agree on the man to fill the vacancy so they decided to make the next out-of-town priest who walked into their cathedral the bishop.

Nicholas came along and stepped into the cathedral — to be welcomed by the shouts of the clergy, who immediately proclaimed him the new Bishop of Myra.

Nicholas became known as "the patron of the children" for his untiring efforts to help and teach them. Each year on his birthday — December 6 — Nicholas would give presents to the children.

This idea of giving presents to children soon spread to Europe, and it was always done in memory of St. Nicholas, who was such an outstanding example of the spirit of Christmas.

The name "Santa Claus" is the Dutch name for St. Nicholas and we adopted "Santa Claus" when the early Dutch settlers came to New York. The English called him "St. Nicholas" and, sometimes, "old Kris Kringle."

. . . but he was named by the Dutch!

More children fear holidays than love them!

More children fear the Christmas Season than love it!

That's the shocking finding of a 1993 survey of school children in 14 states ages 5 to 10.

The university study says 63 percent of the children they interviewed report violent nightmares involving reindeer, elves and Santa Clause.

Only 31 percent looked forward to Christmas. Six percent said they had no strong feelings about the holiday.

a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A Christmas photo you'll always remember!

Blind boy sees Santa

Having come into the world blind, little Timmy Collins has had to rely on a deep-rooted belief that just because he can't see something doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

Yet most sightless children really do have a way to picture the beautiful things that surround their world of darkness, as we can see in this heartwarming photo of Timmy "seeing" Santa with his fingers.

The town that forgot Christmas!

For many years Eversen, Germany, was the town that forgot about Christmas — but now the town annually has one of the most joyful Christmas celebration in all the world!

In the 1950s Eversen was a very poor town. All the young families had left and only a handful of older couples remained in the town.

And to make matters worse, none of the remaining people had any children. For a few years the people of the town had small celebrations, but as time wore on and the people grew older and poorer, Christmas became less and less important.

Eventually Christmas in Eversen became just another day in the long hard German winter.

But that all changed the day a bus from a nearby orphanage broke down on the outskirts of town.

It was Christmas Day 1962 and it was soon clear the little orphans would not make it 22 miles to the next town — where a large party was planned for them.

The old folks of Eversen sprang to life and organized a party in their town hall for the children.

And the party organizers from the next town climbed in their cars and brought all their toys, food and decorations to Eversen.

Never had a town known so much joy. The Christmas spirit that had been dead in Eversen for so long now was alive again.

The party was such a success that everyone decided to have it in Eversen every year. The celebration grew to be one of the biggest in the whole world.

And the tradition lives today, when people travel from miles around to celebrate the holidays in Eversen, the town that once forgot Christmas.

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